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Dear Members of the Court,

Attached is a Memorandum that I prepared and originally submitted to the State Bar Board of Commissioners before its special meeting on June 26, 2014, setting forth my comments concerning the Task Force's Report. As the introduction to the Memo makes clear, these are my own thoughts, prompted by a request to sign onto a letter that I did not feel was correct in either its tone or (in some cases) its content.

I drafted the Memo myself over the course of about 28 hours, without having enough time to even have my assistant proofread it, so I apologize in advance for any typographical errors that you might find. (I corrected a few mistakes prior to submitting this email, but cannot be certain that one or more may have slipped through the cracks). I also apologize for the Memo's length, but felt that whereas the letter that I was asked to sign focused primarily on one issue to the exclusion of much of what the Report had to say, I felt that the Report itself was of sufficient substance – addressing far more than the letter – that the Board of Commissioners and Representative Assembly (to whom the letter was addressed) needed to be encouraged to review the whole report and not just the one or two sections with which the letter's authors took exception.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience if I can be of any assistance in this or any other matter before the Court.

Sincerely,

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